

March 21st Bible Study and Prayer Group

Our reading is 1John 2: 15-29

Our text is 'He Hath Promised Us, Even Eternal Life. 2:25'

15 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 18. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."

Introduction: What are you thinking?

John had his fellow Christians in full focus and through the leading of the gracious Holy Spirit, he was writing to strengthen the way they were thinking about the Lord Jesus. He was seeking to bless their thoughts and their mindset.

He was ministering to help correct their balance of thought and attitude regarding the potential Saviour of all believing men and women. He was spreading his feathers of love over them as did our Lord Jesus in Matthew 23:37

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

John wanted better than this for his friends in the faith.

Every good Pastor desires the very best for their churches and fellowships. We would hide and protect our people in the warmth of protecting faith and Bible knowledge.

(One) Danger Believer Beware - No, no, no, no.

We consider 15-16-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Don't be worldly.

Don't be wrapped up with worldly godless things.

Be heavenly minded in all situations.

Joshua said the same truths to his people. You say you love the Lord, so clear away your man made idols from your personal lives. Be honest witnesses for the God of your Salvation. Of course this truth applies to you and me today.
What a wonderful truth for us today.

(Two) Believers: Be Against All Things AntiChrist. 18-19-20-21-22.

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John uses a loving "Little children" whatever our physical age, in the spiritual realm we all remain obedient children to our Heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We love him knowing he loved us first.

The last days in which we are now living has produced thousands of antichrists, people who are against the Lord Jesus and the truths he taught to us. Sadly many such people are found in many established churches and fellowships. They are insidious and dangerous enemies of the truth of the Cross of Calvary and the teaching of the apostles in the Word of God. Today many established denominations are keeping a sharp eye out for these deceivers, and remove them and the poison they feed those gullible to accept and listen to them. Believer beware!

We denounce these deceivers, we are against the 2017 antichrists whoever and where ever they speak. All these dishonest people are known and listed by the Lord of the true obedient church.

(Three) Promise Given To Obedient Christians

23-24-25-26.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

Satan is the Father of all liars we are told now.

Our Heavenly Father is the Father of those people who speak the unchanging truth and light of our Lord Jesus.

Jesus hates Satan the deceiver and liar. The devil is always a destroyer of the things of the Kingdom of heaven. He pays dreadful wages, the wages of sin and death.

Today believers stand fast on the truth first delivered by Jesus. We stand on and study the truth every day. We sound the correct trumpet note of eternal salvation in our pulpit and ministries. We are people with promise. Amen.

Conclusion:

Abide In Him Until His Appearing.

27-28-29

I am sure you know this lovely truth and often sing it.

There's a peace in my heart that the world never gave,

A peace it cannot take away;

Though the trials of life may surround like a cloud,

I've a peace that has come here to stay!

Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine;
Constantly abiding, rapture divine;
He never leaves me lonely, whispers, O so kind:
"I will never leave thee," Jesus is mine.

All the world seemed to sing of a Saviour and King,
When peace sweetly came to my heart;
Troubles all fled away and my night turned to day,
Blessed Jesus, how glorious Thou art!

Perhaps we could sing this on Sunday's Ministry Service.
Yes we as believers are anchored to the promise of Eternal life and we will abide in his
continuing daily love saying Blessed Jesus, how glorious you are..... Amen and amen.

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Points to be considered for our prayer group.  
Praise for all the Lord has accomplished in our church.  
Praise for answered prayer (our Hannah) in our families.  
Prayer for needs of salvation in our respective families.  
Prayer for our witness for the Lord each day.  
Prayer for Ministry Team as they study to feed our church.  
Prayer for coming events now been planned.  
Prayer for all our financial church requirements.  
The Lord hears and answers believing prayer.